

Assessment Correction Engine (ACE) – District User Guide Year 2016

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Overview

The ADE Assessment Correction Engine (ACE) gives Arkansas School Districts the ability to correct 2016 ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) data. ADE received 2016 assessment information for the following assessments:

- ACT ASPIRE ELA, Math, and Science (Grades 3-10)
- MSAA Alternate Portfolio Mathematics & ELA
- QUESTAR Alternate Portfolio Science

The enrollment records for students that tested in at least one assessment may be reviewed and corrected by the districts. There is no requirement to change any of this information, but if the information is changed, then supporting documentation must be provided to justify the change.

Records for students who were expected to test in a particular subject but failed to do so should have Reason Not Tested (RNT) codes assigned indicating why the student did not test. Some RNT codes will negate the student's test expectation, thus improving the percent tested for the associated subject in the district.

Districts are encouraged to provide RNT codes for all students that did not test, however this is not required in order to submit the district for state review.

Districts are required to address any outstanding issues with their APA 1% Enrollment Cap. The APA 1% Enrollment Cap must not be exceeded by the district. During the ACE pre-load phase, 1% cap exclusions were calculated and selected on the districts' behalf. However, certain demographic modifications during the review phase could impact those selections, requiring districts to alter the 1% Cap exclusions.

Logging In

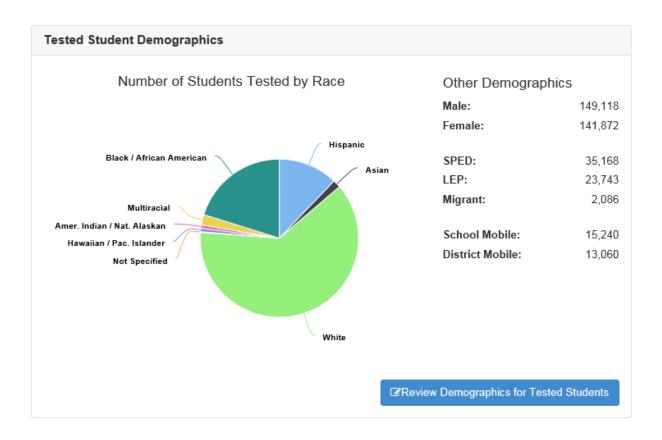
To log in to ACE, point your browser to https://adedata2.arkansas.gov/ace. You will first be directed to the ADE Data Center to log in. District or School Level users should use their TRIAND login credentials to login. ADE users should use their ADE Active Directory credentials.

ACE Home Screen

Once you have logged into ADE Data Center, you will be redirected to the ACE Home Screen. This screen will give you an overview of the assessments for the subjects in which students in your LEA have participated. School-level users will only be able to view and/or change information for their school. District users will be able to view district-wide information, and will also be able to choose individual schools within the district in order to filter the results.

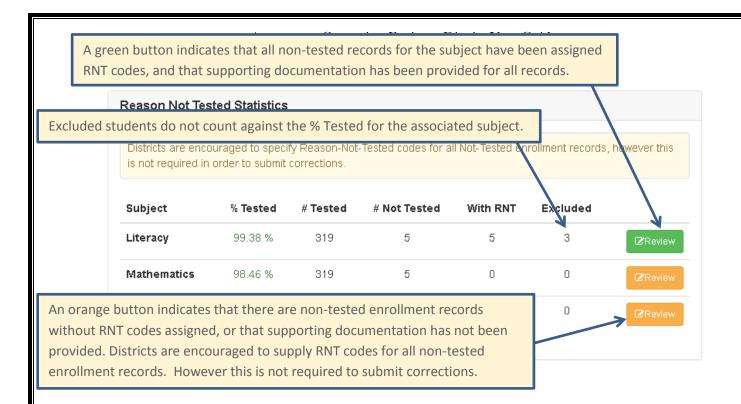
The 'Tested Student Demographics' section displays an overview of demographic counts of students who tested in at least one assessment. These are not reflective of the exact student enrollment in your district/school. These statistics are based only on students who participated in at least one assessment.

For example, the overall Tested Student Demographics for the entire State of Arkansas are found below. When district users log into ACE, they will be presented with a similar breakdown of their district's demographic counts.



Please note: These are preliminary numbers based on the demographic information present when ACE was initially pre-loaded with 2016 assessment information. Changes made by districts during the review process *will* impact these numbers.

The 'Reason Not Tested Statistics' section will report statistics related to the number of students who were expected to test in a given subject but did not do so. Some students will be automatically excluded from the Percent Tested calculations during the initial Assessment Corrections Engine dataload process. These auto-excluded records will not be displayed in the ACE user-interface because there is nothing more to be done for these records. The numbers displayed will only reflect students who did not test and have not been automatically excluded from the Percent Tested calculations based on Reason Not Tested (RNT) codes supplied by the assessment vendors.



For each subject, the values displayed will indicate the current percent tested, number of students tested, and number of students not tested (that have *not* been pre-excluded during the initial Assessment Corrections Engine data-load process.) Of the non-tested students, a count of those currently assigned RNT codes is displayed, along with the current number of non-tested records currently excluded from percent tested based on the RNT codes.

The color-coding on the **Review** button indicates whether or not RNT codes and supporting documentation have been provided for all necessary records. A green button indicates all information has been provided. An orange button indicates that either records need RNT codes assigned, or records need supporting documents uploaded.

The ACE Home screen is the starting point for all District and/or School level review activities. To return to this screen from any other screen in the system, simply click the **ACE Home** navigation link at the top of the page.

If at any time you encounter problems or have questions regarding the Assessment Correction Engine, you can quickly initiate an e-mail to ADE by selecting the Support menu item, then clicking 'E-Mail Support'. You may also access the User Guide from this menu.



Reason Not Tested Statistics

Districts are encouraged to specify Reason-Not-Tested codes for all Not-Tested enrollment records, however this is not required in order to submit corrections.

Districts are encouraged to provide documentation for all Not-Tested enrollment records for which documentation is required, however this is not required in order to submit corrections.

Subject	% Tested	# Tested	# Not Tested	With RNT	Excluded	
Literacy	98.04 %	12,839	257	61	0	☑Review
Mathematics	98.40 %	13,004	212	60	0	☑Review
Science	98.35 %	12,908	216	61	0	⊘ Review

This section only available to State- and District-level

SEA % Tested: 98.26 %)

You must address the following error(s) prior to submitting:

. All APA 1% Cap exclusion issues must be resolved

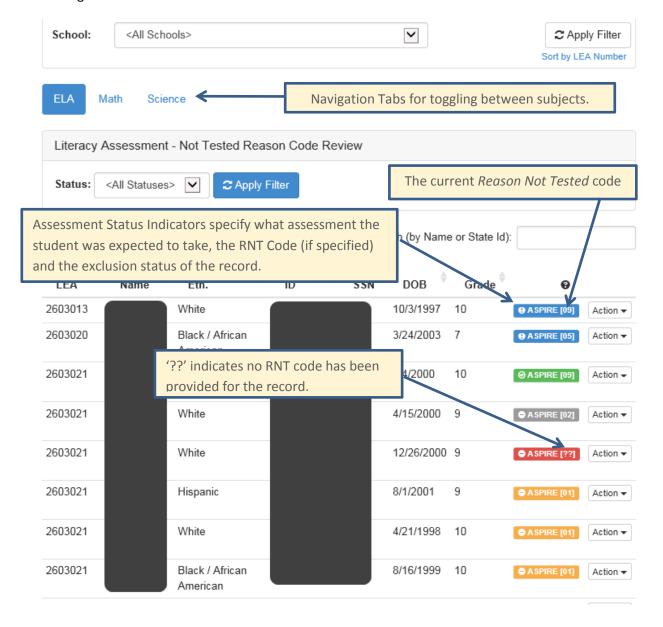
APA 1% Cap

- 1% Literacy Cap
- 1% Mathematics Cap

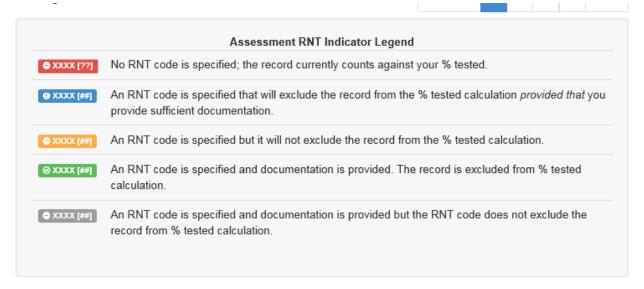
APA 1% Cap *must* be correct prior to submitting corrections.

Non-Tested Enrollment - Not Tested Reason Review and Documentation

If your LEA has non-tested enrollment records that need RNT codes and/or supporting documentation assigned, you will do so for by clicking on the **Review** button corresponding to each subject. This will direct you to the 'Not Tested Enrollment Review' page. On this page you can assign/modify the RNT code associated with a non-tested enrollment record, as well as upload any supporting documents that are required. You can also toggle between ELA, Math, and Science Not Tested Reason Review by using the navigation tabs.

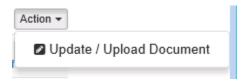


A legend explaining the various icons and colors used in the Assessment Status Indicators is found at the bottom of the page.

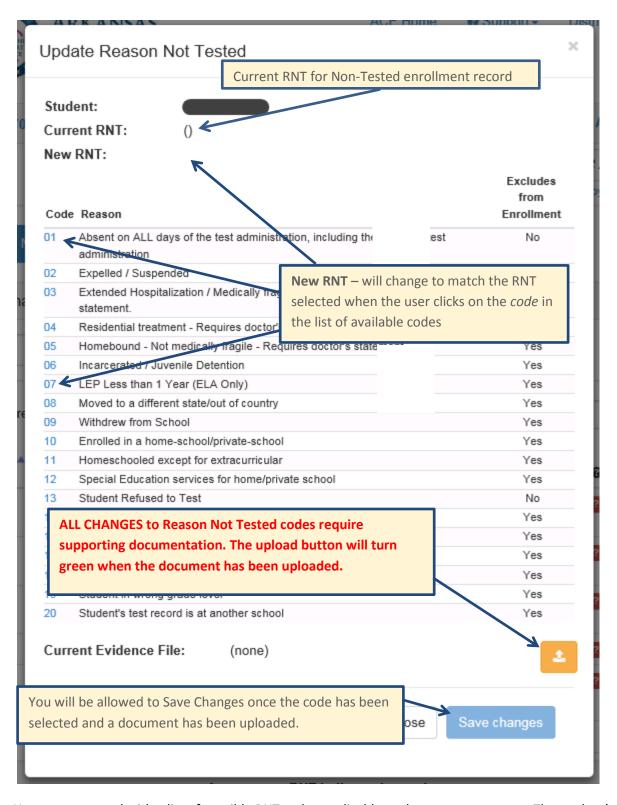


Modifying Reason Not Tested Codes

To provide or modify a Reason Not Tested code, or to upload documentation for a non-tested enrollment record, click the 'Action' button located in the last column of the associated record. A dropdown menu will appear, allowing you to click an 'Update / Upload Document' item.



When 'Update / Upload Document' is selected, you will be presented with a popup screen allowing you to select the appropriate RNT code for the record, and to provide documentation supporting the change.

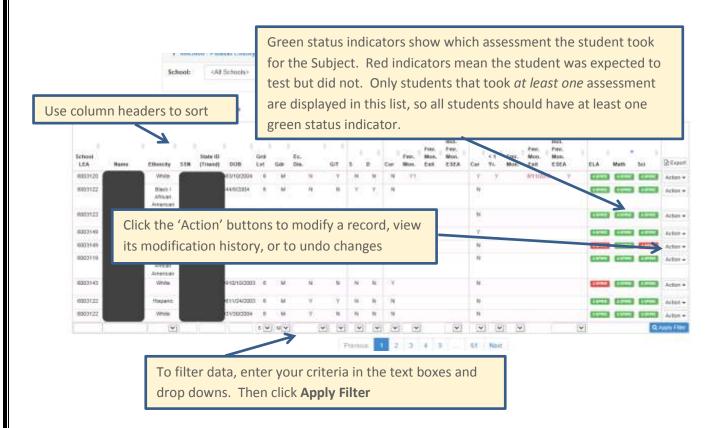


You are presented with a list of possible RNT codes applicable to the assessment type. The student's name is displayed, as well as the current RNT code, if any. When you select an RNT code, the code and description will be displayed near the 'New RNT:' label.

All changes to RNT codes require supporting documentation. Click the button to select the file you wish to use to justify the change. Click 'Save Changes' to update the RNT code and upload the document file to ACE.

Tested Enrollment Demographic Review

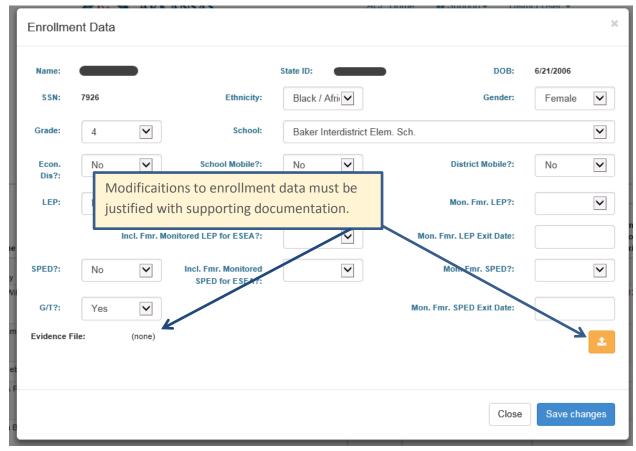
To review the tested enrollment demographics for any assessment, click the **Review Demographics for Tested Students** button in the Tested Student Demographics tab on the ACE Home screen. The Tested Enrollment Demographic Review screen will open. You can use this screen to modify the demographic information associated with each tested student record.



The data presented can be sorted by clicking on the desired column header. It can also be filtered by using the filter text and drop-down boxes in the table footer.

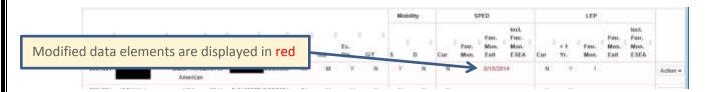
To update a record, click the 'Action' button. A dropdown menu will appear allowing you to select an 'Update' button. Clicking 'Update' will pop up an Enrollment Data screen with the student's current

information.

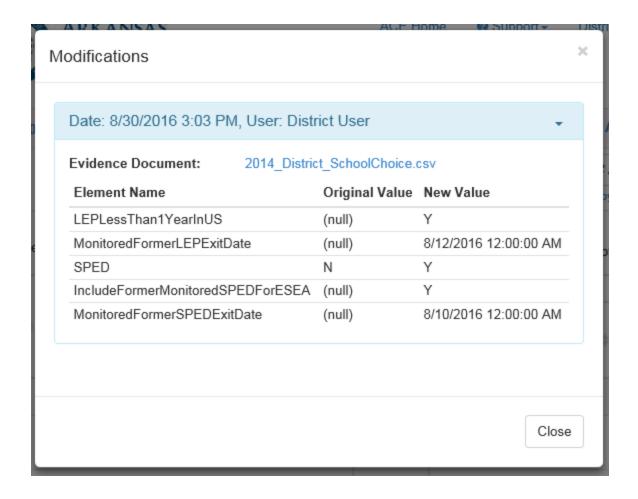


Like the RNT codes, any change to a student's information requires that a supporting document file be uploaded to ACE for ADE review. Click 'Save Changes' to save your changes and return to the Tested Enrollment Demographic Review Screen.

Enrollment data that has been modified will appear in red text.



On modified records, you can also view a detailed list of changes by clicking the **Action** button, and selecting **View History** from the drop-down menu. A screen will open showing a detailed list of changes including the original value and new value, when the change took place, and by whom the change was made.



Alternate Portfolio Assessment - 1% Cap Exclusions

To review the Mathematics and Literacy 1% Cap exclusion for your district, select the desired hyperlink from the ACE Home screen:

This will open the APA 1% Cap Exclusions screen. From here you can choose which, if any, alternate portfolio exams should be excluded from being considered Proficient in order to meet the 1% Cap restriction. The assessments presented on this screen are only those who have achieved Proficiency Levels 3 or 4 on the ELA and Mathematics alternate portfolio exams.

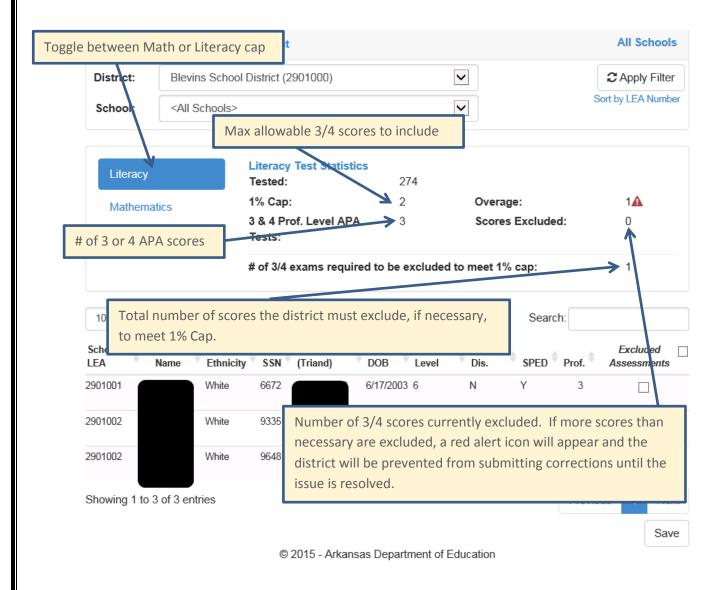
Toggle buttons are present to switch between Literacy and Mathematics caps. The statistics information displays the number of students tested for the subject, the value that equals 1% of tested students, and the number of APA exams available scoring 3 or 4.

Overage indicates the number of un-excluded exams present IN EXCESS of the 1% Cap value.

Scores Excluded is a count of the number of scores currently excluded.

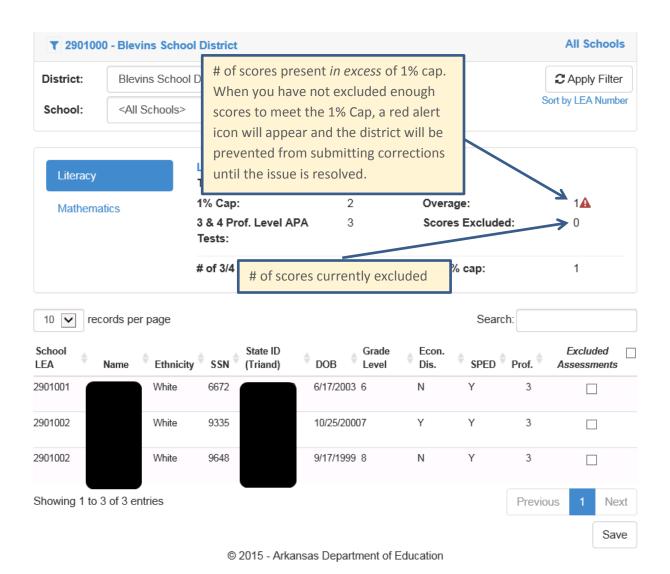
Checkboxes are located in the right-most column of the table. A 'checked' box indicates an excluded score. Unchecked scores are included in your district's count of 'Proficient' scores. To alter the exams that are excluded, check or uncheck the box accordingly.

NOTE: Preliminary 1% Cap exclusions calculated during the initial ACE data-load, so your district's exclusions may not need to be altered. However, one variable impacting the 1% cap is students' School Mobility indicators. Student considered Highly (School) Mobile are not considered, so if you change any students' School Mobile indicator, it could possibly impact your 1% Cap restrictions.

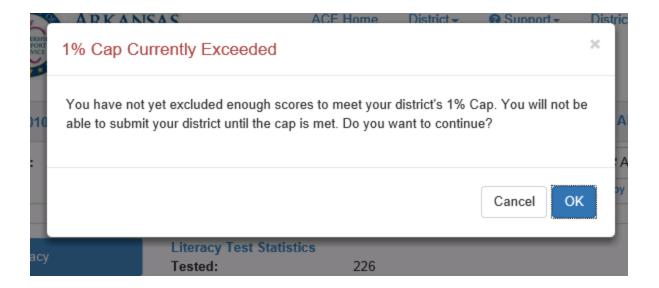


If you do not have enough scores excluded to meet the 1% Cap, Overage will be a positive number, and an alert icon will display. The goal is to reach a zero Overage. ACE will allow you to save if you have a

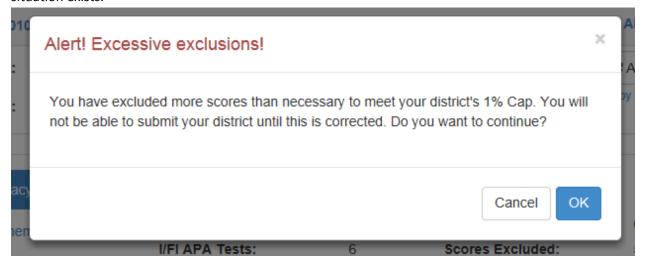
positive overage, but you *will not* be allowed to submit your district for ADE review while an overage exists.



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ACE will also alert you if you have excluded more than the necessary number of scores. ACE will allow you to save in this case, but you *will not* be allowed to submit your district for ADE review while this situation exists.



District Submission

Once documentation for corrections has been uploaded and 1% cap overage has been excluded, you may submit your corrections to ADE for review. To do so, return to the ACE Home screen. If all tasks are complete, a blue button entitled 'Submit Corrections' will be present near the bottom of the Home page.

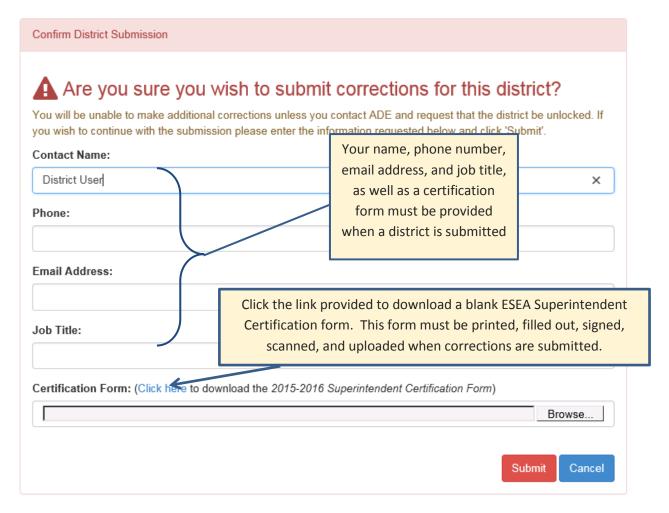
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Ashdown School District (Overall % Tested: 99.77 % , ESEA % Tested: 99.77 % )

APA 1% Cap

1% Literacy Cap
1% Mathematics Cap

Submit Corrections
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Clicking the **Submit Corrections** button will direct you to the District Submission screen. You are required to enter your contact information (Name, Phone Number, Job Title, and Email address). When possible, this information will be prepopulated with information associated with your TRIAND login. However, any fields that do not have data must be completed before you can complete the submission. You must also upload a Certification Form signed by the Superintendent when submitting the corrections.



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Once you have submitted your corrections, you will be redirected to the ACE Home screen. The ACE Home screen will then indicate the date the submission was completed, as well as the user that completed the submission.

